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The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, contained in General Assembly resolution 60/288 of 8 September 2006, and recalling Assembly resolution 64/297 of 8 September 2010, which called for, inter alia, an examination in two years of progress made in the implementation of the Strategy and for consideration to be given to updating it to respond to changes, as provided for in those resolutions,

Recalling the pivotal role of the General Assembly in following up the implementation and the updating of the Strategy,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 66/10 of 18 November 2011, and noting with appreciation that the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre has initiated its activities and will contribute to strengthening the United Nations counter-terrorism efforts,

Renewing its unwavering commitment to strengthening international cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Reaffirming also that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group,

Recognizing that international cooperation and any measures taken by Member States to prevent and combat terrorism must fully comply with their obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the purposes and principles thereof, and relevant international conventions and protocols, in particular human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law,

Convinced that the General Assembly is the competent organ, with universal membership, to address the issue of international terrorism,

Mindful of the need to enhance the role of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, within their mandates, in the implementation of the Strategy,

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Underlining the fact that the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force should continue to carry out its activities within the framework of its mandate, with policy guidance offered by Member States through interaction with the General Assembly on a regular basis,

Recognizing the role that victims of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations can play, including in countering the appeal of terrorism, and emphasizing the need to promote international solidarity in support of victims of terrorism, and to ensure that victims of terrorism are treated with dignity and respect,

Reaffirming the need to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism,

1. *Reiterates its strong and unequivocal condemnation* of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, as it constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security;

2. *Reaffirms* the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and its four pillars, which constitute an ongoing effort, and calls upon Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to step up their efforts to implement the Strategy in an integrated and balanced manner and in all its aspects;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: activities of the United Nations system in implementing the Strategy";

4. *Takes note also* of the measures that Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations have adopted within the framework of the Strategy, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General and at the third biennial review of the Strategy, on 28 and 29 June 2012, all of which strengthen cooperation to fight terrorism, including through the exchange of best practices;

5. *Reaffirms* the principal responsibility of Member States to implement the Strategy, while further recognizing the need to enhance the important role that the United Nations, including the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, plays, in coordination with other international, regional and subregional organizations, as appropriate, in facilitating and promoting coordination and coherence in the implementation of the Strategy at the national, regional and global levels and through providing assistance, upon request by Member States, especially in the area of capacity-building;

6. *Affirms* the importance of the integrated and balanced implementation of all pillars of the Strategy, recognizing the importance of redoubling efforts for an even attention and implementation of all the pillars of the Strategy;

7. *Recognizes* the principal responsibility of Member States to implement the Strategy, while encouraging the further elaboration and development of national, subregional and regional plans, as appropriate, to support the implementation of the Strategy;

8. *Encourages* civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to engage, as appropriate, in efforts to enhance the implementation of the Strategy, including through interaction with Member States and the United Nations system;

9. *Calls upon* Member States and the United Nations entities involved in supporting counter-terrorism efforts to continue to facilitate the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as due process and the rule of law, while countering terrorism;

10. *Recognizes* the work done and efforts made by the relevant United Nations bodies and entities and other international, regional, and subregional organizations aimed at the support, recognition and protection of the rights of victims of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and urges them to step up their efforts to provide, upon request, technical assistance for building the capacity of Member States in the development and implementation of programmes of assistance and support for victims of terrorism;

11. *Calls upon* States that have not done so to consider becoming parties in a timely manner to the existing international conventions and protocols against terrorism, and upon all States to make every effort to conclude a comprehensive convention on international terrorism, and recalls the commitments of Member States with regard to the implementation of General Assembly and Security Council resolutions relating to international terrorism;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the continued contribution of United Nations entities and subsidiary bodies of the Security Council to the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force;

13. *Underlines*, in that regard, the importance of greater cooperation among United Nations entities and of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system, as well as the need to continue promoting transparency and to avoid duplication in their work;

14. *Recognizes* the continued need to enhance the visibility and effectiveness of United Nations counter-terrorism activities and ensure greater cooperation, coordination and coherence among the United Nations entities, with a view to maximize synergies, promoting transparency and greater efficiencies, and avoiding duplication of their work;

15. *Takes note of* the Secretary-General's proposal, contained in paragraphs 123 and 124 of his report A/66/762, concerning the creation of a United Nations Counter-Terrorism Coordinator and invites him to provide Member States with greater detail concerning this proposal, and expresses a desire to further consider this issue in a timely manner;

16. *Reaffirms* the need for enhanced dialogue among the counter-terrorism officials of Member States to promote international, regional and subregional cooperation and wider dissemination of knowledge of the Strategy in order to counter terrorism, and in that regard recalls the role of the United Nations system, in particular the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, in promoting international cooperation and capacity-building as elements of the Strategy;

17. *Recognizes* the role of the regional organizations, structures and strategies in combating terrorism and encourages them to consider using best

practices developed by other regions in their fight against terrorism, as appropriate, taking into account their specific regional and national circumstances;

18. *Emphasizes* that tolerance and dialogue among civilizations and the enhancement of interfaith and intercultural understanding are among the most important elements in promoting cooperation and success in combating terrorism, and welcoming the various initiatives to this end;

19. *Expresses its concern* at the increasing use, in a globalized society, by perpetrators of terrorist acts of new information and communication technologies;

20. *Expresses concern* at the increase in incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking with the aim of raising funds or gaining political concessions;

21. *Encourages* all Member States to collaborate with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre and to contribute to the implementation of its activities within the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force;

22. *Notes with appreciation* the activities undertaken in the area of capacity-building by the United Nations entities, including the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, in coordination with other relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to assist Member States, upon their request, in implementing the Strategy, and encourages the Task Force to ensure focused delivery of capacity-building assistance, including in the framework of the Integrated Assistance for Countering Terrorism Initiative;

23. *Recognizes* the need to continue to take measures to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorism and in this regard encourages the United Nations entities to cooperate with Member States and to continue to provide assistance, upon their request, in particular, to help them fully implement their respective international obligations to combat the financing of terrorism;

24. *Calls for* the enhanced engagement of Member States with the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force;

25. *Requests* the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force to continue its positive efforts in interacting with Member States, and further requests the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force to continue to provide quarterly briefings and to provide a periodic workplan for the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, including the activities of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre;

26. *Encourages* all relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and forums involved in the fight against terrorism to cooperate with the United Nations system and the Member States in supporting the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, noting recent initiatives in this regard;

27. *Underlines* the importance of enhancing counter-terrorism efforts, undertaken by all relevant United Nations agencies and bodies, in accordance with their existing mandates, and encourages the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force to continue its collaboration with those agencies and bodies;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, no later than April 2014, a report on progress made in the implementation of the Strategy, which could contain suggestions for its future

implementation by the United Nations system, as well as on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

29. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy" in order to undertake, by June 2014, an examination of the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 28 above, as well as the implementation of the Strategy by Member States, and to consider updating the Strategy to respond to changes.